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1. IT SEEMS TO US THAT APPROACHES AND POSITIONS TAKEN IN RECENT WEEKS BY USG ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES HIGHLIGHT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF US POLICY MOST DISTURBING TO PROPOENENTS OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER LIKE TANZANIA. WHILE SOMEWHAT APPRECIATIVE OF TECHNICAL COMPLEXITIES AND US DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCERNS ON ISSUES LIKE COMMON FUND, TANZANIA LOOKS TO US ADMINISTRATION TO CONVINCE OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND DOMESTIC GROUPS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO "RIGHT THE WRONGS AND INEQUALITIES" OF PRESENT WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. ALL TOO OFTEN COMMUNICATION ON VITAL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IS STYMIED BY INABILITY MESH USG ACCENT ON "ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL REALITIES" AND TANGOV BELIEF IN A "PHILOSOPHICALLY JUST" SOLUTIONS.

2. SOME EXAMPLES MIGHT HLEP CLARIFY THE PROBLEM.
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A) IN DISCUSSIONS WITH UNCTAD SYG (REF A), DEPT. AND CONGRESS NOTED CONCERNS, SUCH AS UNCTAD TENDENCY FAVOR LDC INTERESTS AND THE DECLINING NUMBER AMERICANS IN UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. TANZANIA WOULD RESPOND THAT UNCTAD IS SUPPOSED TO FAVOR LDC'S AND ITS ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE DOMINATED BY LDC STAFF AND INTERESTS. OTHERWISE THERE WILL NOT BE CHANGES IN ECONOMIC ORDER TO CORRECT

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PAST IMBALANCES AND TO ALLOW BASIS FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AND SOME HOPE OF NARROWING GAP BETWEEN WAGE EARNINGS IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SIMILAR HUMAN EFFORT.

B) REF B INSTRUCTED POSTS TO DISCUSS DEBT PROBLEM ON TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL LEVEL AND TO DAMPEN EXPECTATIONS OF DRAMATIC POLICY SHIFTS. TANZANIA CONSIDERS POLITICAL COMMITMENT BY DC'S TO DO SOMETHING AS PREREQUISITE FOR TECHNIAL DISCUSSIONS. IT FEELS THERE IS * PROBLEM AND THAT NORTH USES ANALYTICAL ARGUMENTS TO CONFUSE AND DELAY ANY ACTION TO RESOLVE IT. TANZANIA WOULD WELCOME, FOR EXAMPLE, ADMINISTRATION EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR DEBT RELIEF PROVISION IN HUMPHREY AID BILL AS FIRST SIGNAL THAT USG IS PREPARED MOVE AHEAD ON THIS ISSUE.

C) SIMILARLY, USG POSITION ON BUFFER STOCK FUNDS AND "SECOND WINDOW" (REF C) GOES AGAINST GRAIN OF TANZANIAN POSITION THAT WEST MUST ALLOW AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF RESOURCES TO POOR, ACCEDE CONTROL OVER HOW LDC'S WILL USE THESE RESOURCES, AND ENCOURAGE LDC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SO THERE CAN SOME DAY BE A "FREE AND FAIR MARKET."

D) US OBJECTIVES AT UN OVERVIEW MEETINGS (REF D) INCLUDED COMMITMENT FOR ROTATION OF CHAIRMANSHIP, LIMITATION ON SCOPE OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, FLEXIBILITY AND NEUTRALITY OF WORK PROGRAM, FEW MEETINGS, AND ANALYTICAL APPROACH. TANZANIA WOULD SEE IN THESE OBJECTIVES A DISTURBING THEME OF "US PROTECTIONISM OF
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POWER," ORGANIZATION SKIRMISHING DESIGNED LIMIT LDC BENEFIT OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, AND AVOIDANCE OF REAL ISSUES. INSTEAD OF ENCOURAGING GROUP B COUNTRIES TO RAISE THEIR COLLECTIVE CONSICIOUSNESS, US IS PERCEIVED AS HERDING THEM IN DEFENSIVE POSTURE.

E) TALKING POINTS PROVIDED ON MTN (REF E) WOULD AGAIN BE VIEWED BY TANZANIA AS JURIDICAL AND UNSYMPATHETIC TO PAST "EXPLOITATION" OF LDC'S AND TO REAL BARRIERS, ASIDE FROM THOSE DISCUSSED AT MTN, TO THEIR BECOMING EXPORTERS OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS.

3. POST OFFERS NO PROGRAM AS TO HOW USG SHOULD RESOLVE FUNDA-MENTAL NORTH-SOUTH DIFFERENCES, SOME OF WHICH ARE ABSED ON CONFLICTING CAPITALIST-SOCIALIST IDEOLOGIS. WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT DEPT. TAKE LDC ATTITUDES MORE INTO ACCOUNT AS POSITIONS ARE FORMULATED AND DEFINE MORE CLEARLY FOR OURSELVES WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO "GIVE UP" OVERALL TO HELP SATISFY DEMANDS AND NEEDS OF THE POOR.
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